

Prep for Post-Grad

Discussion Questions:

1. What were the biggest surprises about life in college?
2. What do you wish someone would have told you about college life before you started?

It's a Different World

College life in the US is an exciting and fun time for many people. There's lot of new people, new experiences, and new lessons. And after college, you really become an adult! Many either going into grad school but also many moving into the full time workforce for the first time. Here's what the transition is like for many people:

From taking different classes and meeting different students and faculty to... working in the same cubicle with the same group for an unforeseen number of years...

From living, eating, and seeing your friends throughout the day to... working through meals, living alone and apart from lots of friends, and seeing them maybe once a week.

From having more time to participate in church and other extracurricular activities to... being SO tired after work. Enough said.

Is it really so bad? Maybe or maybe not. But if you're less prepared, it could be. And if you're more prepared, you can make the most of this change.

You may know folks who are working full time jobs now. Think about how they act, look, and live. Consider how they look at work life or college life.

What about the work life do people like/loathe?

What about the college lifestyles do those people miss or are glad to be done with?

What was less important is more important.

What was more important is less important.

There must be some things you value more in college than you did in high school. Perhaps they include things like: home cooked meals, private space of one's own bedroom, more sleep, free laundry (services), etc.

Imagine yourself in 5 years.

Where will you be living?

What will you be doing?

Will you be attending church? What kind and where?

How often will you still see or talk to the people around you now?

In 5 years, what do you think you will value less?

In 5 years, what do you think you will value more?

Got Questions?

Brainstorm as a group and come up with the top 5 questions/concerns that you can think of regarding life after college. Here are some areas to stimulate your thinking:

- family life/singleness/marriage
- financial life/paying loans
- work/vocation
- spiritual health/church life
- friendships/staying in touch/making new ones
- etc.